

TRADE HALTED AS NORTH SEA BATTLE PENDS

Shipping to Dutch Ports Stopped "for Time Being," Admiralty Announces.

London Awaits News of Titanic Struggle Between Hostile Vessels—English Warships Close in on Foes' Base at Heligoland.

French to Co-operate in Attack Upon Enemy—Winston Churchill Returns From Paris After Significant Conference With Minister of Marine.

England is awaiting the developments of the next 24 hours with outward calm, reports from London say, but beneath the surface there is an element of anxiety that cannot be concealed.

Traffic between England and Holland has stopped by order of the Government. With only a few exceptions communication with all the east coast ports has been cut off.

These two developments, the naval experts say, are evidence that a great clash for sea mastery is imminent, if it has not already begun.

LONDON, April 23.

A great battle in the North Sea—the most titanic engagement in the history of naval warfare—may be a question of hours.

All commercial shipping has been cleared from the old German ocean and all preparations are complete for a trial of strength between the British fleet and the German grand fleet, supported by the Heligoland fortress.

London is in a fever of excitement in anticipation of the battle. For a week British warships have been operating in the eastern reaches of the North Sea, even under the guns of Heligoland itself.

HOLLAND SHIPPING HALTED.

A most significant and at the same time most unusual message came from Amsterdam, quoting an official announcement on behalf of the British Government stopping all traffic between the British Isles and Holland.

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THE WEATHER

UNSETTLED

When the weather is fine, And one shouldn't complain, There are those who'll repine, When the weather is fine, Who will grumble and whine, And be longing for rain, When the weather is fine, And one shouldn't complain.

When the weather is poor, And the world starts to kick, There is always the boor, When the weather is poor, Who will crack it up, sure, Till he makes people sick, When the weather is poor, And the world starts to kick.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Cloudy and unsettled tonight; Saturday generally fair; slowly rising temperature; moderate southerly winds.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

S. A. M. 30.32

Temperature 55

Humidity 75

Wind Southwest 82

Pressure 30.1

Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00

Maximum temperature 57

Minimum temperature 51

On the Pacific Coast

San Francisco, weather rainy, temperature, 50

San Diego, weather cloudy, temperature, 58

Almanac of the Day

High water 6:45 p. m.

Low water 12:50 a. m.

High water tomorrow 6:50 a. m.

Low water tomorrow 12:55 a. m.

Lamps to Be Lighted

Alms and other vehicles, 7:00 p. m.

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND, 6:02 p. m.

High water 6:02 p. m.

Low water 12:50 a. m.

High water tomorrow 6:30 p. m.

Low water tomorrow 12:55 a. m.

REEDY ISLAND

High water 6:30 p. m.

Low water 12:55 a. m.

ARBOR DAY TREES PLANTED IN MIFFLIN SQUARE



Miss Rose Cohen, of the Key School, is shown planting one of the seven trees put in the ground today at 5th and Wolf streets. School children from the Sharswood, Furness, Southwark, Taggart, Rush and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Schools also were represented.

BARNES "A DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE," IS JOLT FROM COL. ROOSEVELT

Finally Plaintiff's Evil Side Absorbed the Good and Then the Intimate Friends Fell Out, Former President Declares.

COURTHOUSE, Syracuse, N. Y., April 23.—Damon and Pythias, David and Jonathan were no more devoted to each other's interests than were Theodore Roosevelt and William Barnes before the Colonel discovered, he said, that Barnes was a Doctor Jekyll and a Mr. Hyde.

When Mr. Hyde got the upper hand of the combination, Roosevelt and Barnes fell out.

The Colonel was interested in Barnes because he was trying to reform him, according to Roosevelt's testimony under cross-examination by William M. Ivins today.

He believed Barnes above the average politician morally, he said, and he wanted to make Barnes a useful citizen.

According to the Colonel, Barnes was a Jekyll and Hyde and he wanted to reserve Dr. Jekyll, but Mr. Hyde absorbed him.

When Mr. Hyde got the upper hand in 1911 the Colonel and Barnes came to the parting of the ways. But letters passed between Barnes and Roosevelt in 1908 and 1909 showing an extremely friendly tone.

Roosevelt admitted that he entertained Barnes and his wife in the White House at Washington and the Executive Mansion at Albany.

Roosevelt was still the hero of the courtroom crowd as he literally fought his way out to luncheon when court recessed.

IVINS REBUKED BY COURT.

The morning's session of the Colonel's fourth day on the witness stand was marked by frequent clashes with Ivins.

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SICK CHILDREN SAVED IN TENEMENT FIRE

Three Firemen Hurt When Trolley Hits Engine on Way to Blaze.

Thirty-five persons were rescued from a burning tenement at 228 Spring Garden street, under quarantine for measles, today, and three firemen on the way to fight the blaze on Engine No. 17 were injured when the apparatus was struck by a trolley car at 12th and Spring Garden streets. The fire was started by an overturned lamp.

Acting Detectives Weckesser and Ernest, of the 19th and Buttonwood streets station, with the aid of pedestrians, carried out most of the occupants of the house. Several children who lived in the tenement have the measles. They were taken to the station house.

Weckesser and Ernest were standing on the corner of 19th and Spring Garden streets when Mrs. Charles Moul put her head out of a fourth-story window of the building and yelled "Fire!" They rushed into the front door and fought smoldering in the front smoke-filled hallway their way through the engine.

This was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Moul and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Vine. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vine were slightly burned, but they refused to be severely treated. The apparatus was put out of commission.

Firemen fighting the blaze say they had difficulty finding their way around in the smoke-filled house. The original interior of the house has been changed to make more rooms and the place is filled with tortuous hallways and stairs. Weckesser and Ernest had difficulty finding the way to the fourth floor.

HARRY THAW WINS BATTLE FOR SANITY TRIAL BY JURY

Heavy Guard in Court When Slayer of Stanford White Is Granted Habeas Corpus Writ, Which May Mean His Liberty.

THAW'S LEGAL STATUS

NEW YORK, April 23.—"If Thaw is found sane by the jury that hears his sanity trial, May 17, he will go free," today declared John B. Stanchfield, chief of Harry K. Thaw's counsel.

"There is no other action pending and no new action can be brought that will hold Thaw if he is declared sane," Stanchfield continued.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Harry K. Thaw has won his long fight for a sanity trial, Justice Hendrick, of the Supreme Court, today handed down a decision granting the slayer of Stanford White a hearing to determine whether he is sane or insane.

The trial of Thaw's sanity will be conducted before a jury. Justice Hendrick set the date for the trial for May 17. The jury will be drawn from the regular panel.

TAKES VICTORY CALMLY.

Thaw took his victory calmly as he has previous times, smiling when the Court handed down the decision, which was a long one, going fully into the merits of the case.

Thaw was heavily guarded while in court and while on his way there, because of reports that efforts would be made to rescue him from the authorities if the decision were against him.

Four armed Deputy Sheriffs, led by

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5 CHILDREN ATTEMPT RUNAWAY TO 'FRISCO

Three Girls and Two Boys, Lured by Glories of Fair, Arrested at 4 A. M.

White West Philadelphia was still shrouded in darkness early this morning, three young girls and two boys slipped stealthily from their beds in their homes, and meeting by agreement at the 63rd street terminal, started on a runaway "hike" to see the fair at San Francisco.

Within an hour they were locked in the 61st and Thompson streets police station. Magistrate Boyle later discharged them after notifying their parents. "Never again," they said.

The "hikers" were Reba Boyer, 17 years old, of 918 North 66th street; Beryl Lewis, 15 years old, of 983 North 66th street; Helen Wright, 13 years old, of 224 North 66th street; Major Roper, 18 years old, of 802 North 66th street, and Leroy Lewis, 15 years old, of 681 Lansdowne avenue.

The runaway were arrested on suspicion shortly after 4 o'clock this morning, when they were seen emerging from the woods near Merion, carrying suitcases, by Mounted Policemen Souders, Winter and McCready.

Girl Struck Crossing Tracks

An east-bound car struck Matilda Pohl, 19 years old, just as she alighted from a west-bound Woodland avenue car at 6th street and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Darby. She was knocked down and severely cut and bruised. She was attended by a physician. The girl lives at 218 North Front street, Darby.

The story of a girl who was

An Outsider

in society, but who made good through a series of fascinating adventures, told by

Louis Joseph Vance

(author of "The Brass Band"), begins in tomorrow's

Evening Ledger (One Cent)

ATHLETES OF NATION COMPETE HERE TODAY IN GREAT PENN RELAYS

Colleges, East and West, in Track and Field Events This Afternoon and Tomorrow—Pentathlon and Medley Tests.

FRANKLIN FIELD, April 23.—Magnificent weather greeted the pick of America's college and school athletes when they assembled here this afternoon to open the University of Pennsylvania's great two-day relay carnival.

The light rain which fell in the morning was just enough to settle the dirt, and after it had been rolled, the track was faster than ever. Shortly after noon the clouds disappeared and the sun came out with just the spot of heat the athletes wanted.

The first event was not called until 3 o'clock, this late hour being named to permit the local schools to get their athletes and rooters on the scene. It was the first time the games had ever been started on Friday, but there was an unusually big demand for seats, and the stands began to fill long before 3 o'clock.

This was to be the big day for the local preparatory and high schools, and their students and friends were on hand early to cheer the first appearance of their representatives.

Athletes began to arrive for the great carnival yesterday morning. They came in a steady stream all day. They continued to arrive this morning, and every incoming train brought more and more.

Wisconsin and Dartmouth men. A great many athletes who do not compete this afternoon visited the field this morning and limbered up. This afternoon the

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CHARLEMAGNE TOWER SPEAKS ON NEUTRALITY

Former Ambassador to Germany and Friend of the Kaiser Addresses Scientists.

Charlemagne Tower, former Ambassador to Germany and friend of Emperor William, spoke on questions affecting neutrality this afternoon at the meeting of the American Philosophical Society in its hall on Independence Square.

The title of Mr. Tower's address was "The Rights and Obligations as to Neutralized Territories."

New views of heredity, applied with striking effect to the study of man's evolution, were advanced by world-famous scientists at today's session. Two hundred savants from many parts of the United States, in convention at the society's hall on 5th street south of Chestnut, heard 30-minute papers read by a dozen specialists, each describing experiments and observations covering from one to ten years.

Regardless of the number of generations of human beings that, in the past, have been produced by the intermarriage of a family, the stock produced by a later marriage out of slightly burned, but they refused to be severely treated. The apparatus was put out of commission.

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LOST AND FOUND

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GERMANS WIN IN NEW DRIVE; YSER CROSSED

Kaiser Forces Allies From Langemark and Pilken, Taking Many Prisoners.

New Offensive Compels Allies to Fall Back Upon Ypres. Teutons Only Four Miles From There—Both Banks of Canal Occupied by Invaders.

Russian Assaults Heavy on Both Sides of Uzok Pass—Vienna Admits Penetration of Hungary Gateway—Galician Offensive Halted on Dunajec.

That the great German drive on the Anglo-Belgian-French positions between the North Sea and Ypres is being successfully carried out today's Berlin report indicates. The Allies' positions, extending from Langemarck (Langhemarcq), five miles directly north of Ypres, to Pilken, three miles southwest of Langemarck on the Yser Canal, have been carried.

The Allies lost heavily in killed and wounded, while the Germans took 1600 prisoners and 30 cannon. This success breaks a line through the Anglo-French front trenches north of Ypres and opens the way for renewal of the operations in the angle formed by the Yser River and the Yser Canal. Both banks of the canal are now held by the Germans.

The Belgian army is again fighting in the operations, today's report saying that at the bend of the Yser the Belgians repulsed an assault upon Chateau Vicogne, north of Dixmude, inflicting very heavy losses on the enemy.

At the Forest of d'Ailly, near St. Mihiel, the French have captured 700 metres of German trenches and 100 prisoners, including three officers. The Germans admit defeats in this region. In Alsace the French have advanced in their drive toward the Rhine.

Petrograd puts an interesting tactical interpretation on the conceded Teutonic offensive in the Dunajec and Stryl Valleys of Galicia. The enemy was lured on by a strategic withdrawal, and then was routed by counter attacks at Gorlice and Stryl, thus halting hostile menaces against Lemberg and the Slav positions on the Galician side of the Uzok Pass.

Penetration of Uzok Pass by the hammering Muscovites is conceded by Vienna, which officially reports heavy fighting on both sides of the Hungarian gateway. Repulse of strenuous assaults at the pinnacle of the pass is announced.

GERMANS CAPTURE ALLIES' POSITIONS ACROSS YSER

Success of New Flanders Drive Announced by Berlin.

BERLIN, April 23.

Marked gains by the Germans in Flanders are announced in today's report from the German General Staff. It states that the villages of Langemarck, Steenstraete, Heissas and Pilken were captured Thursday by the Kaiser's troops.

At the same time that the General Staff's report announced important gains for the Germans on the western end of the great battle front, it admits a French gain near St. Mihiel, stating that troops of the republic penetrated a section of the German front trenches between Ailly forest and the forest of Apremont. Part of these forces were later driven out, but some managed to maintain a foothold.

In the recent operations, German troops have taken 1600 prisoners and 30 cannon from the French and English, the General Staff's report adds.

FRENCH ADMIT GROUND LOST IN FLANDERS

Paris Reports Asphyxiating Bombs Drove Allies Back.

PARIS, April 23.

Fresh attacks by the French troops in the forest of Ailly, south of St. Mihiel, have resulted in the capture of 300 yards of German trenches, the War Office announced this afternoon.

At the bend of the Yser to the north

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The Kensingtonian Says:

The latest "thing" in ketching is Eddie Poehner. He fell into a barrel of the toothsome condiment in a Kensington ketchup foundry several days ago.

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TODAY'S BASEBALL GAMES

Table with columns for teams (Boston, Phillies, Athletics, Boston) and scores (0, 0, Postponed-Wet grounds, 0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for teams (Cincinnati, Pittsburgh) and scores (10, 0).

Schneider and Clark; Cooper and Gibson.

DECISION RESERVED ON BRIDGE BLOWING

BOSTON, April 23.—After hearing both sides in the matter of habeas corpus proceedings in behalf of Werner Horn, a German officer, who attempted to blow up the international bridge over the St. Croix River, Federal Judge Morton today took the case under advisement.

POLES STARVING, BERLIN OFFICIALS REPORT

BERLIN, April 23.—Thousands of peasants in the war-stricken section of Poland are homeless and on the verge of starvation, according to official reports from Government investigators who have covered the field of operations. The damage caused by the conflict in Poland is estimated by them at \$500,000,000.

ZEPPELINS MAKE DAYLIGHT RAID ON ENGLISH COAST

LONDON, April 23.—A daylight raid of English coast towns by Zeppelin airships is reported in a dispatch from Blyth. This states that two Zeppelins are flying over the Northumberland coast.

LOYD-GEORGE TO URGE COLONIAL WORKMEN FOR ENGLAND

LONDON, April 23.—Chancellor Lloyd-George will suggest in Parliament that skilled labor be secured from the colonies and from America to help in the production of war munitions. A free return ticket will be granted each worker who will come to England.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK PASSENGER TRAIN

JEANETTE, Pa., April 23.—An attempt to wreck the fast passenger train number 42, Pennsylvania Railroad, east bound, in a tunnel, just west of here, failed today. Ties were placed on the track, but the force of the locomotive broke the ties from their lashings to the rails.

FORD TO HAVE WASHINGTON PLANT

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Ford Motor Company, Detroit, today bought a Pennsylvania avenue corner for \$150,000 to \$200,000 and was reported about to open a plant here.

CABINET DECIDES TO SEND FLEET THROUGH CANAL

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Cabinet definitely decided today to send the Atlantic fleet through the Panama Canal according to program unless a slide occurs in the meantime. The decision enables the navy to buy coal and supplies immediately.

BANKER HEARS OF GREAT NAVAL BATTLE

MONTREAL, April 23.—An evening paper today prints a dispatch saying that a Montreal banker has received a cable stating that a big naval battle is raging in the North Sea.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN PORTUGAL

LONDON, April 23.—Martial law was proclaimed in Portugal today following the action of five municipal chambers in refusing to accept the validity of Government decrees. The chamber of Oporto had to be dissolved. Similar action will be taken in Lisbon. Troops have been sent to the other towns affected.

JITNEY HURRIES ON AFTER INJURING BOY PLAYING IN STREET

A jitney bus that struck 7-year-old Joseph Rossi, 1775 South 13th street, hurried on and disappeared after the accident and left the boy in such a serious condition that he was taken to St. Agnes' Hospital. The boy had been playing in the street at Front and Federal streets. Witnesses of the accident were unable to take the number of the car, but said the machine bore a jitney sign.

DUTCH VILLAGE SWEEPED BY FIRE

AMSTERDAM, April 23.—The Dutch village of Nieuwendyk, near Gorinchem, was partly destroyed by fire today. Soldiers were sent from Gorinchem to fight the flames and several of them were hurt.

WOMAN, JEALOUS OF CHILD, KILLS HER

MUSKEGON, Mich., April 23.—Jealous of her husband's love for his 13-year-old daughter Evelyn, the child's stepmother, Mrs. Albert Steel, 33 years old, bound and blindfolded the girl, forced poison down her throat and then held her in her arms until she died. Mrs. Steel so confessed today to Prosecuting Attorney Galpin and told him she would plead guilty to a charge of first-degree murder when arraigned.